Oath of Abjuration and Test. The Petition of John Dabran, Pray- L. H. J. ing an Allowance for the duties of Negroes paid, he having moved Lib. No. 45 himself and family, into this Province with Intent to Settle, and therefore Prays an Exemption from the duty Imposed on Negroes, on giving Security not to sell or Dispose of the said Negroes, Read and referred to the Committee of Accounts to Examine the facts. a bill entituled, an Explanatory Act to the Act Entituled for the speedy Trial of Criminals, and ascertaining their punishment in the County Courts when pro[se]cuted there, and for payment of fees when due from Criminal persons: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to 2 of the Clock in the afternoon.

Post Meridiem. the House met according to adjournment

The bill Entituled an Act for Limitation of officers fees, read the second time and will Pass Sent to the upper House by Mr Dulany and Twelve more. the bill, Entituled, an act empowering the Justices of Calvert County to repair the Court House of that County, by an assessment on the Inhabitants thereof. and the bill Entituled. an Act to vest an Estate of fee Simple of and in a Tract of Land called Roper's neck in Benjamin Howard, and for seling other lands of equal value in lieu thereof, Severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the Table. the Report from the Committee of Aggrievances &c: relateing to the Collection of the duties on Tobacco, referred on Monday last for Consideration this day, is further referred for Consideration on the morrow morning. an Ingrossed bill, Entituled, an Act reviving and Continuing the several Acts therein mentioned. also an Ingrossed bill, Entituled an Act reviving an Act, entituled an Act for the advancement of Justice, also, an Ingrossed bill Entituled, a Supplementary Act to the Act for the advancement of Justice, also, an Ingrossed bill. Entituled. an Act for Continuing an Act of Assembly of this province, Entituled, an Act to prevent Cutting up Tobacco Plants destroying of Tobacco and Tobacco Houses, and for ascertaining the punishment of Criminals guilty of the said offences Severally read and assented to, and sent to the upper House, with the paper bills, by Mr Wootton and Mr Harris. An Ingrossed bill, entituled, an Act for Continuing an Act of Assembly of this province, Entituled, an Act ascertaining the gauge and Tare of Tobacco Hogsheads, and to prevent the Cutting, Cropping and defacing Tobacco taken on board ships or Vessels upon freight. an Ingrossed bill, entituled, an Act reviving an Act, entituled an Act for Naturalization, Severally read and assented to, and sent to the upper House, with the paper bills, by Mr Robert Loyd and Mr Ennalls. an Ingrossed bill entituled, an Act empowering the Justices of Prince Georges County to levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of Queen Anns Parish in the said County the